

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting Thursday, September 13, 2012

Chairman Roger Klodt opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Roger stated that he reviewed the previous meeting draft minutes and found them to be accurate. He asked if there were any corrections or additions. Mike moved to accept the previous meeting minutes as written. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes. Present: Trustees Roger Klodt, Mike Lang, Sue White, FO Mary Rodenbucher, D. Kolasky, L. Klodt, B. Murphy, D. Rice, P. Cernava, N. and S. Engle

Old Business

Roger reported on a problem we have encountered with the sale of the RFD generator on eBay. The eBay ad specifically stated for local pick-up only. The buyer wanted us to ship it but it was explained that we do not ship. The buyer would have to arrange for shipping to Mexico. A truck showed up without a prior call. Some RFD members helped to load the generator. We have been receiving bills for the shipping. It appears that the buyer feels we should pay the bill. Jasen has called the trucking company but has not made any progress and turned it over to Roger. Roger called the trucking company explaining that we are not responsible for paying the bill. Roger stated that future conversation will be with the county prosecutor. Roger thinks it may be resolved.

New Business

Sue reported on her meetings with EMA and Portage Planning. There is nothing new to report. EMA commented that the fair did a nice job in the pig barns. Sue presented information from Doug Rice regarding responsibility of oil/gas wells. Sue stated that it depends on how the leases are written as to who is responsible. Doug commented that the law so states that whoever owns the well is liable.

Roger would like to hold two information meetings regarding Issue 33. He suggested Tuesday, September 18 and Wednesday, October 24. Since the elected officials are to represent neutrality on this issue, the meeting will only explain what the ORC states and answer questions. Roger just wants to educate people. Mike and Sue are in agreement. Roger moved to hold informational meetings on September 18 and October 24 for Issue 33, which will be on the November ballot, in the CC at 7:00 p.m. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes. Roger asked Dan to place it on the website and community sign.

Mary placed the August bank reconciliation in the trustee's mailboxes. She asked if there were any questions. Roger moved to accept the August bank reconciliation. Mike seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Mary asked how many hours are to be added to Donna's pay for cleaning the field house. Mike feels it should be whatever hours she actually works to clean the field house. Sue suggested that Donna place her additional hours in Mary's mailbox.

Mary requested a motion appropriate receipts 149 – 163 totaling \$58,828.37 and pay warrants 33676 - 33728, EFTs 1241 - 1247, and voucher 46 totaling \$88,400.31. Sue so moved. Mary seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Larry presented the Road Department report. Central Allied is completing the paving on Aberagg Road. Due to an oversight, the prime coat for the berm was omitted from the bid book. Larry spoke to the contractor and it can still be done for approximately \$2,500. Larry stated that even with this additional cost we are still under the bid amount. Mike moved to approve the additional cost for the prime coat. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Larry reported on drain /crossover pipes and mowing. East Manufacturing is scheduled to make the body for the new truck within the next month. There was one funeral for a YTD total of 13. Larry proposed installing pipe around the back pavilion in the ball fields to alleviate the wet areas. He estimates the cost to be \$2,000 Sue moved to approve \$2,000 for the pipe work at the ball field. Roger seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Sue received a phone call from Grace Geiger stating that the cemetery sign has moisture in it. She has someone that will replace the brick at no charge. Larry commented that the LCA installed two pillars with angels on them

in the cemetery. Mike stated that they should have come to the township for permission before installing the pillars.

Mike would like to entertain the thought of selling the municipal parking lot. There was discussion regarding the amount of time our employees work to maintain the lot and to keep the surrounding neighbors water issues in check.

Dan presented the Trustee Assistant and Zoning Department report. Three permits were issued. Dan is working on the pending complaints, website, and research on issues related to township government, Dan stated that the Waterloo Sprouts are working on a proposal to move the beds to the school which would likely increase participation. Mike commented that the school board also needs to approve it.

Larry stated Waterloo Superintendent Andy Hill called to ask if the school could purchase salt from the township. The school is investigating to do all the snow plowing and salting in house. Larry explained the issue of estimating our salt use for the state bid. Andy stated they may be looking for a truck. Larry asked for an estimate as to the amount of salt they would need. They are still working on the details. Larry stated that we used to spread salt/cinders at the school. The trustees are agreeable with working with the school.

Roger presented the fire department report in Chief Lang's absence. Responses for August: EMS – 97; Fire – 9; MVC – 3; Inc. – 0; Tests – 4 for a monthly total of 113 and YTD total of 491. Jacob Bunker resigned as a cadet and Conrad Geiger was placed on Honorary Membership status. Todd Esola and Ben Dyer have been moved from cadet status to probationary status. RFD members attended the ALICE training at Waterloo Schools for intruder emergencies. Training included a review of mass casualty and fair emergency response procedures for the fair. Outside fair EMS help and Rootstown Fire Department also attended this training. The radio town is now operational and in use. Matt Winters and TJ Ganoe will be attending a fire inspector class at Kent Fire Department beginning in October.

Public Comment

Bob asked if it is the lot from Wiley's that Mike spoke about possibly selling. Mike stated it would be the front parcel. Bob commented that it cost a pile of money and is concerned about the gates being intact. The trustees were in agreement that a fence or locked gate will remain. We are putting quite a bit of supplies and labor in an area that does not help the township. There was discussion about what gain there is for the township

Paul asked if we signed a bill of lading when the generator was loaded. Roger stated we signed that it was picked up.

Doug will express opinion on Tuesday about Limited Home Rule. Roger stated again that it will be an informational meeting only.

Newt stated that Randolph Township and the trustees are being recognized state wide for placing the issue on the ballot correctly. The process followed is appreciated. He extended an invitation to the trustees to participate in a free symposium meeting sponsored by CELDF on October 6 at 10 a.m. in PA.

Sandy requested to speak at the informational meetings. Roger stated that it is informational only and will remain neutral. Sandy feels that the comments about misrepresentation or lying should be brought to the meeting to be addressed. She feels the trustees are doing the best they can. She loves the community as much as the trustees. She asked to be treated with respect. Roger stated that they can rent the hall to present their side. Sandy questioned renting the hall since it is a community issue. Roger stated that others rent the hall. Roger stated that we will only present the ORC information. Sandy presented concerns that not many ways to fund the services have been researched. Roger reported that we received a quote from the Portage County Sheriff for \$376,000 for 48 hours of service per week for one year. Sue commented on information she received from Marlboro Township Police. Their proposed budget for 2012 is \$380,000. It was suggested we add at least 50% more to that amount to start out. They would help us obtain equipment if needed. Sue called Heidi at OTA. Heidi stated that only three townships in Ohio have Limited Home Rule with populations under 10,000. One is in a suburb in Columbus and one in Cincinnati and the other one was established due to annexation. They all have budgets over 3.5 million. Sue asked her point blank how it would benefit our township. Heidi did not see any benefit. Sue asked if would help in regulating the oil/gas industry and was told absolutely not at all. Sue

asked Dan to call the townships and the problem is we do not have the funds like the cities. Sue stated that she received comments from some residents near tears wanting their names off the petition. There was discussion about hearsay. Doug commented that hearsay has no relevance on what is going on. Newt stated that when Sue made the comments to the paper that those people need to bring it to the meeting. Sue feels she was very nice in her comments. Paul feels that there is disrespect in some meetings. There was discussion about what was said to sign the petition. Sue does not feel the group should have to pay to use the CC. Residents will have the opportunity to ask questions. Sandy is concerned about democracy. Roger stated that democracy is presenting information and given the facts. Roger stated that no one was ever denied speaking at a meeting. Sue explained what information will be provided. Sue asked if she understands correctly that if get enough support we can change the ORC. Newt confirmed her comment. Roger does not believe we can change the ORC. There was discussion about sections of the ORC. Dan stated the ORC is not vague but it is specific on oil and gas drilling. Sue stated that if every township trustee agreed then we might be able to change the ORC. Doug has read quite a bit on this issue and is personally against it and will promote voting no. He stated that our taxes will go up. He does not see even one positive benefit for Randolph residents. He does not see anything in it to change the county or state. It will only cost the residents more taxes.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.


